



2015-2016 NSSRS Calendar Version 6.1

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The 2015-2016 NSSRS Calendar has been updated and a new version is now available on the NSSRS Resources web page at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>. The due date originally scheduled for February 1 has been moved to January 20.



New Superintendents – 2015-2016 School Year

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If your district/system has a new Superintendent for the 2015-2016 school year, please have them contact the NDE Helpdesk to get set up on the NDE Portal as the new District Administrator for your district. We will provide them with the district administrator activation code specific to their district. The previous District Admin will also need to be removed. The Helpdesk can also provide them with information on where instructions are located for the District Administrator Responsibilities and assigning activation codes.



2015-2016 SPED Secondary Transition Innovative Competitive Grant

Open: May 28 – Due: July 31

Contact: Rita Hammitt (402-595-2092 or rita.hammitt@nebraska.gov)

The 2015-2016 SPED Secondary Transition Innovative Competitive Grant application became available in the GMS May 28.



2015-2016 Perkins Basic and Post Secondary Grant **Open: June 8 – Due: July 31**

Contact: Rich Katt (402-471-4808 or rich.katt@nebraska.gov)

The 2015-2016 Perkins Basic and Post Secondary Grant application became available in the GMS June 8.



2014/15 Census – Open: June 22 – Due: July 10

Contact: Janice Eret (402-471-2248 or janice.eret@nebraska.gov)

The Census for the 2014/15 year is now available. The School District Census Report provides the Department of Education with a count of children ages 5 - 18 that reside in a school district **as of June 30**. Instructions are available through a link at the top of the Census Collection. Audit window open from July 11 to July 20 for any corrections.



SPED Proportionate Share Worksheet for Non-Public Schools – 2015-16

Due Date: July 31

Contact : Rita Hammit (402-595-2092) or Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308) in the Office of Special Education

All school districts (including districts that do NOT have approved/accredited non-public schools or exempt home schools located within the district's jurisdiction) are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to complete and submit the 2015-16 IDEA Proportionate Share application. This collection is found under the "Data Collection" Tab in the portal. This collection is based on the October 1, 2014 child count of eligible children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and represents the amount of IDEA funds that must be expended for eligible parentally placed children with disabilities in an accredited/approved nonpublic school or an exempt home school within the school district boundaries.

For additional information refer to NDE Technical Assistance Document, "Special Education Services to Children with Disabilities (ages 3-21) Enrolled by Their Parents in Non-public Schools" located at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/technicalassist/ServicesNonpublicSchools.pdf>



NeSA-RMS Results

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

The NeSA-RMS and NeSA-AA preliminary reports and results will be available to districts through eDIRECT on July 8, 2015. Districts will need to review their data and submit corrections to the NDE Assessment Office by July 29. Any corrections submitted during July including NeSA-W will be incorporated in the Final NeSA-W and NeSA-RMS reports along with the corrected data files provided through eDIRECT on August 19, 2015.

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

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We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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